



This bulletin contains a summary of the key issues before the Board at its monthly meeting allowing staff to gain insights into discussions raised and decisions being made.

DIGITAL DIVIDE

MIT Student Council President Micah Sili and Vice President Lovepreet Singh updated the Boards on the Council's workplan raising a number of important issues including new parking regulations, consultation and engagement.

They also focused on the accessibility of technology for all learners.

The Chair took up this discussion during the Chief Executive's update asking what is being done to remove this significant barrier to education now the Technology Access Fund for Learners launched during the initial respond to the COVID-19 pandemic is no longer available and with growing demand for remote delivery?

After discussion by the Board and Executive Leadership, it was resolved to explore gaining support for addressing the issue at national level while also looking into what can be done locally to make a difference.

MIT RŪNANGA TERMS OF REFERENCE

MIT Rūnanga co-chairs Jonaan McLeod and Eruera Lee-Morgan contributed to discussions on a review of that body's terms of reference and remuneration rates.

The Board endorsed the current members of Te Rūnanga continuing to serve until the planned transition from the MIT subsidiary to Te Pūkenga on 1 January, 2023.

This endorsement is subject to the approval of Waikato-Tainui for the iwi appointed member of the runanga, Brendon Green.

BUILDING 108

The Board approved additional expenditure of \$4M to the upgrade of Building 108 at Unitec.

Once the work is complete, the building will provide a base for Unitec Pathways College, School of Creative Industries, Trades and Electrical Engineering.

A 25% increase in the cost of building materials since the scope of the work was first assessed is the primary reason for the need to increase the project budget.

ENROLMENTS

The Board was advised that both institutes have exceeded their enrolment targets for the year. This was recorded prior to the withdrawal period for Semester Two.

Te Pūkenga has confirmed that Tertiary Education Commission will fund additional delivery in priority areas.

The Chair spoke of the need for MIT and Unitec to prioritize expenditure and further investment while continuing to make progress towards financial sustainability.